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SUBJECT: NCNA IMPLIES APPROVAL FOR SECRETARY'S RECENT ASIAN TRIP,
ARM SALES TO JORDAN

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1. THE FIRST PRC DOMESTIC NEWS MEDIA REPORT ON THE SECRETARY'S RECENT TRIP TO IRAN, AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN IS IMPLICITLY FAVORABLE, NOTING THE SOVIET REACTION AS ONE OF "UNEASINESS AND ANGER." THE RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD AUGUST 13 ACCOUNT CONTRASTS WITH THE NEGATIVE COMMENTARY OF THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN (REFTEL).

2. NCNA IMPLIED APPROVAL FOR INCREASED US ARMS SALES TO IRAN, CARRYING THE SHAH'S COMMENTS THAT WITHOUT SUCH ARMS IRAN WOULD BE IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE UNDER THE WEIGHT OF NEIGHBORING (BUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNNAMED) ENEMIES. IN LIKE MANNER, AN AUGUST 12 NCNA

COMMENTARY REPORTED ON THE RECENT JORDANIAN DECISION TO PURCHASE ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS FROM THE US. ALTHOUGH COUCHED IN ANTI-SUPERPOWER RHETORIC, NCNA COULD BARELY RESTRAIN ITS SATISFACTION OVER JORDAN'S PURCHASE OF US RATHER THAN SOVIET WEAPONRY. IT PAINTED A GRIM PICTURE OF WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD THE SOVIETS BEEN ALLOWED TO EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE INTO JORDAN.

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